Realisation of tax

† 205. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that realisation of tax has been less than the target in the country at the end of the August, 2001;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that non-developmental expenditure has been more during the first five months of the year 2001-2002 as compared to the corresponding months of the earlier year; and

(c) if so, the comprehensive details thereof and the assessment with regard to the amount of total budgetary deficit till August, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Tax collection during the first six months of the current financial year has provisionally amounted to Rs. 77422 crores, as compared to a collection of Rs. 82539 crores in corresponding period of previous year.

(c) and (c) Details of non-Plan expenditure upto August, 2000 and August, 2001 are as under:

	Aug., 2000	Aug., 2001
Capital	4,917	6,653
Revenue	69^55	80,828

Fiscal deficit till August, 2001 was of the order of Rs. 56,079 crores.

Effect of terrorist attack in US on Indian Stock Market

206. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sensex and Stock Market indices suffered a huge tumble and crashed to an eight year low following the terrorists' aviation-strike in New York's World Trade Centre and the Pentagon on Black-T\iesday, September 11, 2001;

(b) if so, the average percentage loss and the estimated total loss suffered by investors thereby; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the steps taken by Government in response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALAS AHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) the Sensex closed at 3150 on September 11, 2001. In the days following the terrorist attack on the WTC, New York, the Sensex fell and closed at a low of 2600 on September 21, 2001. This was an eight year low. On September 7, 1993, the Sensex had closed at 2533.

(b) The Sensex fell by around 15% in 10 trading days between September 11, 2001 and September 25, 2001. Subsequently, the Sensex has recovered and closed at 3180 on 15th November, 2001. Rise and fall in share prices is a market phenomenon and the resultant loss or gain is national and is inherent to all stock markets.

(c) In the aftermath of event in the US and after consultations between SEBI and the two exchanges, BSE and NSE, the following was decided:

1. The market will remain open.
2. The market wide index based circuit breaker shall be kept at the level of 10% of the fall in BSE Sensex and S & P CNX Nifty of the pre-announced index levels and further relaxation shall not be permitted.
3. The 53 individual securities in the derivative segment on which currently exchanges apply a price filter at the level of 20% for the purpose of order verification, would now be reduced to the level of 10% and orders beyond this level will not be accepted/approved by the trading system of the exchanges.
4. The price bands on other scrips shall remain unchanged.
5. All the above decisions will apply till further orders.

As can be seen from the movement of the BSE Sensex, the stock market has since stabilized, the Sensex closed at 3180 on November 15, 2001, higher than the level on September 1L 2001.

Impact of Afghanistan war

207. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the backyard war in Afghanistan would inflate oil prices, affect Indian import and export and also bring rupee under pressure; and